GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Registration & Stamps Department – Exemption of Stamp Duty and Registration Fees in favour of the farmers on documents pertaining to transfer of lands by Kakinada SEZ Ltd., to an extent of Acs.2180 under Section 9(1) (a) of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and under Section 78 of Registration Act, 1908 – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (REGN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 158 **Dated: 06-07-2021.**

Read the following:

1. Gazette Notification Nos S.O. 635(E), dt:23.04.2007 and S.O. No. 342(E) dt:06.02.2013 of Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Dept. of Commerce), Government of India.
2. G.O Rt No. 11, Industries & Commerce Department, dated:20.01.2020.
3. G.O Ms No. 12, Industries & Commerce Department, dated:04.03.2021.
4. From Collector & District Magistrate, East Godavari in Lr. G5/31/2020, dated 02.06.2021.

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ORDER:

In the Gazette Notification Nos S.O. 635(E), dt:23.04.2007 and S.O. No. 342(E) dt:06.02.2013 of Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Dept. of Commerce), Government of India, Kakinada SEZ has been notified for establishing port based multi product SEZ at U.Kothapalli and Thondangi Mandals of East Godavari District.

2. Subsequently, it has come to the notice of the Government that some issues of farmers, related to Kakinada SEZ lands, have remained unresolved and the project is encountering hurdles in spite of concluded land acquisition.

3. In this regard, in the reference 2nd read above, orders have been issued constituting a committee under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Co-operation with a request to address the issues confronted by Kakinada SEZ Ltd.

4. The committee after conducting several meetings with the farmer representatives has submitted its report. Government after careful examination of the recommendations of the committee have accepted the recommendations of the committee in-toto and issued orders, vide reference 3rd read above. In the said orders among other things it has been ordered to return land to an extent of Ac.2180 to the farmers either alternative land or the same land (for which the land owners refused to receive the compensation to the farmers) to the farmers.

5. The District Collector, East Godavari District in his letter dated: 02.06.2021 has informed that 1,357.18 Acs have to be sold to the same farmers and 822.71 Acs to be retained by KSEZ and same extent of alternate land to be sold to farmers. He has further informed that the Kakinada SEZ is ready to register the said two category lands which devolved on them through L.A. awards and also informed that Government have issued orders in G.O.Ms.No.659, Revenue (Regn.II) Dept., dt.12.05.2008 exempting stamp duty, transfer fee & registration fee for the documents evidencing transfer of lands by & in favour of Kakinada SEZ and the same exemption is applicable to the present registrations in favour of the farmers.

6. Returning land to the farmers is a long step fulfilling demands of farmers as promised by the Government and this shows positive intent of the Government towards the farmers. In order to promote growth in agriculture and ancillary activities which may act as a stimulus for inclusive growth besides bringing in certain economic benefits due to generation of productivity in the primary sector Govt. felt it necessary to promote port based agro processing industries and supporting activities to infuse integrated development of the region and to spur investments likely through public private partnership.

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7. Government have been giving focussed attention to incentivising agriculture sector and to hasten agriculture growth through a multi-sectoral approach and promotional activities by implementation of sectoral policies & Schemes so as to ameliorate the living standards of farmers. Majority of the farmers covered by this proposal are small and marginal farmers who have made endeavour by investing time and money to make the lands productive and fertile.

8. In the light of the above, Government after careful examination have decided to issue notification waiving Stamp Duty as required under section 9 of Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and registration fee under Section 78 of Registration Act, 1908 in favour of the farmers on documents pertaining to transfer of lands by Kakinada SEZ Ltd., to an extent of Acs.2180.

9. Accordingly, the following notifications will be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated: 7th July, 2021.

NOTIFICATION – I

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of Sub-section (1) of Section 9 of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby exempt from payment of Stamp Duty in favour of the farmers on documents pertaining to transfer of lands by Kakinada SEZ Ltd., to an extent of Acs.2180.

NOTIFICATION – II

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 78 of the Registration Act, 1908, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendment to the Item 1 of Category-I of "Table of Fees" issued in G.O.Ms.No.463, Revenue (Registration-I) Department, dated 17th August, 2013, and published at pages 1-3 of Part-I of extra-ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated 26th August, 2013 as subsequently amended from time to time.

AMENDMENT

In the said "Table of Fees" after Item 6 (h), the following shall be added, as 6 (i) namely: (i) No registration fee shall be leviable on documents pertaining to transfer of lands by Kakinada SEZ Ltd., to the farmers to an extent of Acs. 2180.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), A.P.
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